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## Yelnosky: Is Pension Reform Constitutional?

Professor Michael Yelnosky talks with Common Ground about why Rhode Island's pension reform law may very well fail to pass constitutional muster.

From **COMMON GROUND**: "[Constitutionality of Pension Law in Question](#)"

**February 1, 2013** - Reading the op-ed pages of a certain local newspaper, one might gain the impression that the constitutionality of the contested pension reform law is all but assured -- that a state legislature has the freedom to undo what it has done, even when it comes to retirement benefits for state employees.

But the constitutionality of the law is far from certain, says **a professor at the Roger Williams University School of Law**.

"My biggest point is that nobody seems to be taking these arguments seriously. These blanket assertions of legislative authority gloss over [...] some serious and real issues," said **Michael Yelnosky, the Distinguished Service Professor of Law at Roger Williams**, in an exclusive interview with *Common Ground*. [...]

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